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SUBJ: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: MICROBIOLOGY: GENETIC MEETING
IN THE US.

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1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED BY TELEPHONE WITH PROF.
ALIKHANIAN SOVIET PLANS FOR PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN
SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY
MEETING OF US AND SOVIET PARTICIPANTS IN GENETIC
SUB-PROJECT UNDER MICROBIOLOGY AREA OF S&T AGREEMENT
AND REQUESTED NAMES OF SOVIET SPEAKERS AND TITLES
OF PRESENTATIONS AT FORMER MEETING (REF A).

2. ALIKHANIAN SAID HE HAS SENT LETTER REQUESTING
MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON SOVIET PARTICIPATION TO
DR. HALVORSON AND IS AWAITING RESPONSE BEFORE AGREEING
TO VISIT OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS. ALIKHANIAN ASKS
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN HIS JANUARY 13 LETTER:

(A) SHOULD SOVIET PARTICIPANTS IN "SYMPOSIUM"
PRESENT THEIR PAPERS?;

(B) CAN THE SOVIET EXPERTS PARTICIPATE IN THE
MEETINGS OF THE ASM?;

(C) WILL VISIT BE MADE ON SENDING SIDE PAYS BASIS,
OR THE REVERSE?;

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(D) WILL SOVIET EXPERTS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT

INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY,
COLD SPRING HARBOR, UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, ETC?

3. REFTELS APPEAR TO ANSWER FIRST THREE POINTS BUT
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING HALVORSON'S RE-
SPONSE TO ALL OF ALIKHANIAN'S QUESTIONS ASAP IN
ORDER TO GET FIRM SOVIET COMMITMENT ON PARTICIPATION
IN SUBJECT MEETINGS.
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